GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO PGI CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to PGI, Chandigarh, during the last three years;

(b) the amount provided for free medicines to poor patients; and

(c) the number of patients benefited during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The amount of grants-in-aid under Plan and Non-Plan provided to PGIMER, Chandigarh during the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan
1999-2000	2500.00	9606.00
2000-2001	2200.00	9120.00
2001-2002	2900.00	9460.00

(b): The PGIMER, Chandigarh has not earmarked separate funds forgiving free medicines to poor patients. However, the Institute gives medicines to poor patients admitted indoor in Emergency/ICU/General Ward and treated outdoor.Genuine and really poor patients, unable to deposit the Hospital dues are declared `poor-free` at the time of admission. In Emergencythe patients do not pay for any investigation/treatment for the first 48-hours of stay at the Hospital.

(c): A total number of 1,53,000 outdoor patients and 1,23,651 indoor patients were benefited during the last three years.